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SUBJ: SC MEETING RE CHILEAN EVENTS

1. BY SEPTEL WE ARE REPORTING THIS MORNING'S SC CONSULTATIONS RE PROSPECTIVE CHILEAN DEBATE REQUESTED BY CUBA. SC MEETING LATE SEPT 17 PROMISES TO BE EXCEPTIONALLY CONTENTIOUS. DESPITE RESERVATIONS OF LATING AMERICANS, EVEN INCLUDING PERUVIANS REP ON SC, WE EXPECT VICIOUS RHETORIC FROM CUBANS, SOVIETS AND OTHERS. SOVIET CAMP OBVIOUSLY MOTIVATED TO GO ALL OUT TO DAMAGE REPUTATION AND PROSPECTS OF NEW CHILEAN REGIME THAT HAS JUST TOPPLED MAJOR MARXIST BASTION IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

2. IN OUR VIEW, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT CHILEAN REGIME BE STRONGLY REPRESENTED IN DEBATE. CHILEAN CHARGE HOLGER CLEARLY INADEQUATE FOR PURPOSE. UNLESS CHILEANS REPRESENTED BY ARTICULATE, FORCEFUL, PRESTIGIOUS VOICE IN MONDAY'S DEBATE -- VOICE THAT CAN EFFECTIVELY COUNTER-ATTACK CUBANS AND EVEN SOVIETS -- NEW CHILEAN REGIME WILL SUFFER ENDURING LOSSES. HE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SPEAK NOT ONLY TO SPECIFIC CHARGES IN CUBAN LETTER, BUT ALSO TO WHOLE CATALOGUE OF CUBAN (AND POSSIBLY OTHER COMMUNIST STATES) ACTS AND INTRIGUES AGAINST CHILEANS AND OTHER LATINS. ALTHOUGH TRESPASSES AGAINST

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CUBANS ARE OSTENSIBLE OCCASION FOR SC MEETING, REAL PURPOSE

IS TO ASSAIL CHILEAN REGIME. IN CORRIDOR EVEN REPS OF  
SOCIALIST STATES GENIALLY ADMIT THIS AND GLEEFULLY FORESEE  
FEAST OF STRONG RHETORIC.

3. WE DO NOT OFFER ABOVE ARGUMENTS ON GROUNDS US RELATIONS OR  
LACK OF THEM WITH CHILEAN JUNTA. FACT IS THAT UNLESS CHILEANS  
BEAR BRUNT OF DEBATE, US WILL BE PRINCIPAL VICTIM OF EXERCISE.  
HOWEVER UNJUSTLY, US, ALONG WITH CHILEAN JUNTA, IS PRE-  
ORDAINED TARGET FOR RHETORIC SOVS AND THEIR FRIENDS PLAN TO  
DISH OUT. IF PROOF WERE NEEDED, SOV REP IN THIS MORNING'S  
CONSULTATIONS GAVE CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT MOSCOW INTENDS TO TAKE  
STEEL-HARD LINE. WE SHOULD HAVE NO ILLUSIONS THAT DETENTE  
UMBRELLA WILL PROTECT US AGAINST WHAT LOOKS LIKE FULL SCALE  
EFFORT TO EMBARRASS US.

4. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, WE RECOMMEND URGENT EFFORT TO STIMULATE  
CHILEAN REGIME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE OF STATURE, PRESENCE AND  
ALERTNESS TO NEW YORK WITHOUT DELAY. HE SHOULD ALSO BE  
FIRST-CLASS ORATOR.

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